

**Tenth Statewide Conference Integrating Substance Use, Mental Health, and Primary Care Services Focuses on Local and National Changes**  
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With the Affordable Care Act (ACA) implementation just around the corner, the *Tenth Statewide Conference Integrating Substance Use, Mental Health, and Primary Care Services* again focused on local and national innovative approaches to integrated care and discussed how the ACA may support such positive changes.



Held at the Hilton Universal City on October 23-24, 2013, the packed conference accommodated over 800 attendees who participated in plenary sessions and individual workshops. Conference participants had the opportunity to participate in both didactic and experiential workshop sessions that address the challenges of providing comprehensive and integrated treatment. Co-sponsors included: the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, The Pacific Southwest Addiction Technology Transfer Center, California Institute for Mental Health (CiMH) and the Integrated Care Conference Planning Committee.



Those suffering from dual disorders are among the most disadvantaged and disempowered, with complicated needs that traditional ways of siloed treatment could not address. Since the first conference ten years ago, a committed collection of individuals have planned and produced ten successful conferences dedicated to the delivery of comprehensive and integrated care for those suffering from co-morbid health and mental health conditions, seeking to merge science and service, and highlight best practices for delivering competent, sensitive, evidence based care for these high-need consumers. Focus has been on the transformation of systems to improve client care, highlighting the collaboration among our diverse systems, including mental health, alcohol and drug treatment, primary care/health, criminal justice, education, and child welfare.

Conference objectives included:

- Identification of successful models within existing systems as we move to implement health reform.
- Increased collaboration between Substance Use, Mental Health, and Primary Care providers and agencies.
- Identification of emerging best practices for treating the complex needs of clients with co-morbidities.



The 2013 Statewide Conference was, again, a 'green event.' All planning and execution efforts were done with mindfulness toward our environment and resource sustainability. Conference planning, marketing, publicity, invitations and registration were created with this standard at the forefront. Attendees and Speakers were strongly encouraged to utilize electronic media for viewing hand-outs and materials.

For more information on presenters and workshops:

<http://uclaisap.org/cod/powerpoints.html>